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most serious factor in the problem

I don't comider it unenswerable. I

believe that Christian housekeepers

and Christian servants can find an an-

"I think the irregular hours are the

hardest part of the housework," said

ope of the girls, an honest-faced fier-

man, somewhat older than the others

ten o'c'ock at night, One reason

out working at four dollars a week."

"It's the ditts work that I don't like.

did not know bust what it was that

had drawn this girl to her; but some-

servant on us to be competent.

friends, who was in the next house

was a large family, but she seemed to

throw the work off easily, because the knew how to plan it eight?"

"That's it!" Barbaca pake cagerly.

"Is it any wender that so many women

complain at the troubles they have

with servants when so many of them

have no experience, and yet claim as

retain a place in a madness firm if he

oid not understand the business of

tell me that girls are continually com-

ing into their houses, claiming to be

competent for the work when in real-

Lether do not know anything about it.

It is necessary for the girls, to put

themselves in the places of the house-

keepers and ask: What should I have a

right to expect from a girl who came

"There's another thing I hear other,

cirls complain about," said one of the

n most families the scale of wages

paid to servants never changes,

They say they never get any more :

week after years of working than

they got when they begun. I know one

years. The first year she had two dol-

"That built true in some families I

me what she thinks I am worth.

Mrs. Ward for paying it."

ing, learning the best ways to prepare

food for the household -ali this is part

of a noble life, and it is this hought of

the dignity and nobility of service that

is lest out of the world to-day. It must

be recovered before we can begin to

solve the question. There must be en-

the part of the mothers and house keeps

ers and on the part of the girls who

try a real thought of the real meaning

of a servant's place in the economy of

tier. The homes of America must learn

to cancilly and brantify the latter of

facilty has fearned the learnes of min-

letry, and learned that it is as noble

o minister in the Litchen as in the

Opli, and mail theu shall we begin

or have any answer worth burling to

is turn stopped suddenly and then

id, with a smile at the firtle produc-

as the lead long sermon for Satur-

The envelopmenting girl was the

t can't ask you to stay any tonger. But I want you to come again."

last to say good right. As the shook

Barbara's band strongly, she said:

"I don't think the sermon was too long. Miss Clark. I don't go to

ing. I think maybe I owe you more

bequestion of service in the hon

the hands. Not until now social Chris-

consecrate themselves to home mini-

into my house as a servant?"

wer that will satisfy them both."

of get more absent-minded every iy." he said, somewhat feelily, "You need a wife to look after

vot." said Mrs. Ward with decision. She had picked up her work, which the had dropped in her lap while Morten was telling stories, and was mtent on finishing it.

Forburn opened the kitchen door, and went out just as Mr. Ward said with a laugh: "Probably every woman in Marble Square church has some particular wife in view for you, and on will disappeled all of them when you finally make a choice without consulting them."

"I probably shall," replied Morton. quietly, and, saying good night egain. be went away.

Mr. Ward was ellent a few minutes, then said, as if he had been thoughtfully considering a new idea; Morton didn't seem at all dall or tired after coming back for his gloves. Have you thought that there might be a reason for it?

No. What reason?" Mrs. Ward tooked up suddenly from her work. startled by Mr. Ward's manner. "I thick he enjoys Barbara's com-

"Richard Ward! You don't mean to say that Ralph Merton would marry Parhera!"

"I not only think he would: I thick he will," replied Mr. Ward.

Mrs. Ward was too much surprised at the anexpected suggestion to offer a word of comment at first. The thought of such a thing was so new to her that she had been totally unprepared for it.

"How would you like to have Bar bara for your minister's wife." Mr. Ward asked, in the bantering tone he

Mrs. Word was on the point of replying a little sharply. But suffering had done its incllowing work in Before Carl's death she would have rescuted as an unparalleied impossibility such a thought as that of the pastor of the Marble Square church choosing for his wife even a girl like Barbara, his intellertuat and Christian equal. But many things since Barbara's coming into the home had compired to change Mrs. Ward's old habits. And, as Mr. Ward asked his question now, she onw a picture of Borbara and Corl as they had been one evening a few days before the chief's death. His little arms were about Barbara's neck, and his pale, thin eneck was lying close against bers.

"If it should come to that," she healty answered Mr. Ward's question slowly. "I am sure there is one woman in the Marble Square church who will not make any troume."

Mr. Ward looked surprised. But, Mr. Ward looked surprised. But, year they increased her wages to as he went out into the front half to three and a half for fear of losing her, lock the door for the night, he muttered: "A must can never fell what a ever-ince. Girls who work out do not woman will say or do when she is struck by lightning."

During the week that followed Por- munot look forward to a better condibara spent all the time she was able tion or higher pay." to spare from ner own work in seposed plate. Mrs. Ward herself went come in Crawford who offer he with her to several well-known creased wages for increased ability or houses in Crawford, and introduced leagth of time the girls siny with them, her to her friends. In every instance Or course, we have to remember that Earbarn found there was the great- short people who hire labor for the sace me here. as to may policy or plan. There was upaninous agreement on one thing; manyly, a need of expande, intelligent. honest servants in the house, who were to be depended on for continuour service, or for at least a period of several years that might be reckened; ne continuous, the same as a bush ness man could count on the conlinearus service in his employ of a competent bookkeeper or clerk who was necessary to the welfare of the business, but no more so than a competent servant in continuous service is necessary to the welfare of the home

"The trouble is," one woman after another would say, "in the girls themselves. They do not have say ambitions as a class. They do not wish to be taught. They resent advice. They are ungrateful for nearly all favors. They do not thank any body to try to bispoore their condities. We are fixed of contain efforts made to solve an autobusite prouters with the material that must be used,"

Still, in spite of all discouragements, Enrique investy determined to go on, and her next effort was all rected toward the piris who had expressed a willingness to go into sertice in the home instead of the since and factors.

She remarked to call all these toeether Satisrday evening at her own home and with her mother helping ber she made a pleasant evening, serving some light refreshments and rater taining the girls with music and pic-

There were eight of them in all. Two of them had had a little experience at house service. None of them Harbora found on questioning, was really competent to manage the affairs of a household. Two were American girls who had lived on farms, and had come into Crawford to accept small places at Bondman's Their experiences there had not been pleasant, and they were ready to try something that promised at least a

temporary financial relief. Burbara gave a little imprompts talk before the girls went home, and ended by asking the girls to ask questions or tallower in a general way the prospects of homo-heading survice at

she had described it to them. "Do youth ak, Miss the k, Iven year own experience, that the bleed girl's loss of social standing is the one greobstacle to the will eme. For the question of service?" one of the America. neked. She was a trip bi-leaking girl, evidently a lover of free-looking dresses, and, as Parhara discovered with habits of extravagance for be-

youd her tittle means to gratify. Barbara hesitated a moment before | church on Senday, and I need preach

"Yes, I think perhaps that is the than you imagine."

to parmara a surprise, the giri sun teck and klasse her. There was a car on her check as she smillenly urned and went down the steps and joined the others.

"If I have such an influence over that soil, my Lord," proyed that been that night, "help me to use it for her salvation." It was already becoming a sweet source of satisfac tion to Barbara that the ambition of her life was beginning to mean a sax ing of other lives. She was only vet dialy conscious of her great influence over other pick.

The next day was Sunday, and she remembered her foolish remark to Mr. Morton. During all his absence she had not been to the Square services. She had attended eisewhere, but had not been out in the evening, going to her mother's



"MAY I COME INT! HE ASKED.

and spending the evening reading to She had at present Rev. F. B. Mover's book, "The Shepherd Psaim." and both mother and daughter were enjoying it very much.

She was reading the last chapter high wages as if they had? A book-keeper would not expect to get and and even as she read she remembered that this was the night when the Christian Endeavor society at the Marbie Square church had the entire keeping books; yet the housekeepers | service. There was no preaching after the Endeavor meeting, which closed about eight o'clock.

> It was half-past eight as Barbara Snished the beautiful narrative, and her mother had thanked her and made comments on the clearness of the style and its spiritual helpfulness, when the bell rang.

They had so few visitors, espeeight on Sanday, that they were lider of the company. "They say that rose at once and went to the door, When she enemed it she attered a crelamation of asiomsamout. For Mr. Morton was standing there! His

> face was pale, and even stern, Barbara imagined, as he stood there. "May I come in?" he said quietly as Barbara stood still. "I want very much to see you and your mother.

girl who has been with one family five ars and seventy-five cents. The third Barbara murmored a word of apolney and then invited him to enter. Mrs. Clark rose to greet him, and and they have remained at that figure inleter took the seat she proffered him. have the amoition to get on that young

CHAPTER VIII.

MINISTRY IS DIVINE. Mr. Morton broke a very embarcuring facts connected with her pro- know," repoiled Barbara. "I know russing silence by saying la a quiet nithough his manner showed (fill the great excitement that he evidently felt; "Mrs. Chrk, I have no doubt you are greatly surprised to

> pay only about so much for such works. Mrs. Clark marmared. Barcara had The woman who lives next to Mrs. thread around so that the toung the French Bottoms near St. Joseph, Ward complains because Mrs. Ward min ster could not see her face a gives four dollars and a half a work. This out partly concealed behind the bank robber, who escaped from the The other woman says she is an homp on the calde. It was very still St Louis Itali, able to pay so much; but all her alrest again before Mr. Morton spoke.

You know, of course, that I have when they bear what I am getting. want us much, whether they are the no preaching service to-night. I have just come from my young people's cause she cannot pay it, they become meeting, 1 " dissatisfied and leave her. I am afraid He paused, and Mrs. Clark looked

Mrs. Ward has made an openy out of attentively at him, and then at Bara neighbor on my account, by paying bara, sitting with head bowed and cheeks flushed, and a gleam of sad-"Don't you think you are entitled to den perception of the truth began the four and a buil?" asked the care- to shine out of the mother's face as "Indeed, I do." replied Burburn. the turned again toward the min-Ister. Barbara had never confided di laughing. "I think I carnevery cent of beetly in her mother, but Mrs. Clark had been blessed with a remarkable "Then I don't see what right the beaut ful and true love experience other woman has to find fault, with | in her own girlhood, and with all her faults and inconderstanding of Bar-"I don't, either," said Carbara, burn ducing the trial of her exper-"But pechaps the whole, ment with Mrs. Word she had in the question of wages belongs to the ques-tion of multipy. I don't think, though, pieces ways come to lemos that Burburn bad grown to have much laterbut we need to talk so much about our is the brilliant young preacher. as as about the ared of a true Barbara had probably unde a sehought of what service means. There | rions mistake is not giving her moths practically no ideal of service in the er a frank confession. But Mrs ads of most girls today. To serve that had over really supposed notice now that the minister might have a s to follow Christ, who was a servant. feeling for Barbara. She begon to across of God, to hoop on faithfully fact electric of it as she rapidly noted every day in the line of duty, working Mr. Morton's evident agitation and cheerfully, heartily, washing dishes the look that he gave Barcara as he clean, sweeping rooms without shirtssupport suidenly.

"We are glad to see you. I am eure." Mrs. Clark said, coming to his rescue. Through the memory of her own said loss and all her recent trouble rose the sweet picture of her hesband's wooing. If Barbara's hap places for life now consisted in her possible union with this good, strong man, Mrs. Clark was not the mother to put needless obstacles in the way. In this matter her mother had a certain largeness of character which Enrham did not at that time com-

Mr. Morton had grown calmer. He began to talk of matters belonging to his church and his plans for the social settlement. Gradually bara recovered berself from the first moment's panie. She came out from behind the defense of the lamp, and begun to ask questions and take part in the conversation.

"But still," she was saying after half an bour's talk had been going on, "I do not quite see how you are going to interest Crawford people in the plan you suggest until you have made a practical beginning, even if it is on a small scale. The people are conservative."

(To be continued.)

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THE NEWS RESUME.

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Four tramps murder a young man near Augusta, Kas., to conceal a mur-

les has just been effected, with a cap-

ital of \$10,000,000. White Ash, a new Illinois town, has been started in the coal regions of Williamson County.

A speak thief decoyed a bank teiler at Kansas City by means of a bogur telephone call and stole \$835.

The A. S. Aloe Company's store at No. 414 North Broadway, St. Louis, was damaged \$100,000 by fire. Sir Gilbert Thomas Carter, Govern

or of the Bahamas, weds Miss Ger

trude Codman Parker of Boston. Caleb Powers will accress the jury in his own defense. The celebrated case will be given to the jury Friday Two thousand delegates marched in the parade of the North American Kriegerbund encampment at Terre

The Apple Roberts, an excursion steamer, sank with 1,500 passengers at McKeesport, Pa., but no one was

The trade of the United States with its noncontiguous territory or island possessions last year was pearly \$100.

R. T. Lynch, a merchant at Caddo. I. T., was murdered in his store by unblentified persons, who shot him

Jeffries offers to give Jack Munro the Butte miner, \$10,000 if he will stand up four rounds in a champion-

ship bont. Mrs. Lucy Van Herckes, who lost her bustle containing \$7,300 in St. Paul Minn is found dead in her

home near Shawnee, Kas. Hiram Maxfield and Charles Johnson were crushed to death by a train while returning to their homes in Cen-

tralia, Ill., from Hoyleton Governor Dockery Issued a procinmation setting aside September 7 as Labor Day and asking for its observance so far as practicable.

Charles Carroll Bonney, president of the World's Congresses at the Columbian Exposition, dies in Chicago after an illness of three years.

Jamaica seeks a loan from the

Home Government to enable the banana planters to recover from the effects of the recent hurricane. The threatened powder famine in

the Joplin district has been relieved and all the mines are running full blast with ore prices unchanged. Vesuvius again is in violent erup-

tion. Slight earthquake tremors accompany the explosions. The lava le flowing in the direction of Pompeil. The G A R National Encampment

adjourns at San Francisco after adopt ing resolution congratulating General Miles upon his meritorious services. Charles Reed of Keola, Mo., assault

ed Andy Rimbuo, Deputy Assessor when he called to assess the property knocking out several of the officer's

The sale of the American Shot and Lead. Hoyt Metal and Markle Lead companies of St. Louis to the United Lead Company of New York is con-

Judge Wofford distinglifies himself to sit in the second trial of Luia Prince Kennedy at Kansas City, and appoints Judge J. W. Alexander of

Generatin, Mc. Detectives and police are searching Mo for William Redolph, the Union

Hawthorne, a rank outsider, wins the Bonner Memorial Stake of \$20,000 for 2 12 trotters at Brighton Beach. Billy Buck, the favorite, is first in

only one best. One man was scalded to death, four others were badly burned by escaping steam and six trained ponies were killed in the wreck of a circus train at

Brunswick, Mo. Samuel J. Parks, walking delegate, was found sullty of extortion in a specific case wherein he was charged with foreing a contractor to pay him

2200 to avert a sirike. Secretary Wilson hopes to establish a prospermic sitk industry in the South. Worms and methods trees will be furnished free to d'unte dealir-

ing to make the experiment. Seven firemen was enught under a falling roof during a fire at Luchrmenn's hay house. No. 2302 North Second street. St. Louis, and received without fatafity by their comrades.

The Humberts were convicted on both the charges of fraud and forgery and sentenced to several years' imprisonment each. Mmc. Hamtert made her promised revelations, but they were indefinite and disappointing to the large crowd which attended

Governor Dockery has appointed Senator H. W. Johnson to succeed Judge James D. Rogers on the bench in the Eleventh District. Rogers was appointed to take the place of Judge Hughes, who died, but Rogers revigeed after 30 days.

Secretary Hitchcock has just put in force a new set of regulations covering the selling and leasing of Indian tands. In the future no Indian can negotiate for his property until the Government inspector has appraised it, and then only for an amount equal to or in excess of the appraisement

Harry W. Brooks, the "gentlema: burgiar," declares his wife knew not! ing of his true calling; that he robbeis housen in less than a year and sold the plunder to the United States Ascay Office.

Lord Saliabary died at 9 o'clock Sal rday night. The end was peacef and almost imperceptible. In accord ance with his expressed wish his hod will probably be interred by the side of his late wife, instead of being laid to rest in Westminster Abbey with the remains of other great English

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